

# Office of Governor Mitch Daniels

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# Weekly wrap-up

## **Governor announces new companies 'in-sourcing' jobs to Indiana**

Sept. 7, 2007- As Governor Mitch Daniels and a delegation of nearly 70 business and community leaders departed for a seven-day trade mission to Japan, the governor announced new results of the state's increased efforts to attract international investment to the Hoosier state.

In the days leading up to the governor's third trade mission to Asia in three years, two Taiwanese companies announced they have chosen to locate or expand in Indiana, together creating more than 1,700 new jobs.

"We went to Taiwan in 2005 in search of jobs for Hoosiers," said Daniels. "The timing of these decisions is coincidental but they do provide more hard evidence that our international road-work is a good investment of time and well worth the effort."

Taiwan-based FoxConn, a third-party provider of storage and assembly services for the computer industry, will make a multi-million investment to expand its Plainfield computer assembly facility, creating more than 1,400 new jobs.

ASUS, a Taiwan-based manufacturer of computer components and accessories, will also invest in Indiana, relocating their Louisville service and help desk operations to Jeffersonville and creating 300 new jobs.

[Read the news release.](#)



*Sept. 5, 2007— Gov. Daniels celebrates the renaming of the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent with a young patient.*

## **Governor Daniels opens window for homeowners to file for homestead deductions and credits**

Sept. 5, 2007- Governor Daniels took action that will help more homeowners get property tax relief in 2008. The governor directed counties to accept homestead deduction and credit applications from now to October 15 for those who previously missed the filing deadline this year.

The standard homestead deduction reduces the taxable value of a home occupied by its owner by as much as \$45,000 in 2008 while the homestead credit reduces the amount of taxes owed. The application for the homestead deduction and credit are filed with the county auditor.

"As I travel, I am meeting citizens who overlooked this deadline and are now facing the double whammy of a property tax increase without the protection of the homestead deduction and credit they are entitled to," said Daniels. "I've received bipartisan assurances from the legislative leadership that this extension will be ratified when they convene in November."

To be eligible for a homestead deduction in 2008, persons must be the owner of their primary residence as of March 1, 2007. The deadline to file for a homestead deduction and credit in 2007 was June 10. Those who filed by then need not do so again.

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To visit Governor Daniels' Web site, click [here](#).

## Daniels announces agreement to transfer ownership of Keystone Avenue

Sept. 6, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels and Carmel Mayor James Brainard announced an agreement in principle for the City of Carmel to assume ownership of Keystone Avenue (State Road 431) from 96<sup>th</sup> Street to U.S. 31.

"Hamilton County will get a major transportation improvement sooner and the state's taxpayers save money in the long run," Daniels said. "Mayor Brainard has again shown the imagination that is making his a great new Hoosier city."

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) pegged the long-term costs of upgrading Keystone Avenue at more than \$150 million. Tentative terms of the agreement call for INDOT to provide Carmel with \$90 million, in installments, to reconstruct and redesign the road. Carmel's plan addresses long-term mainline traffic issues and significantly improves east-west mobility at a much lower cost. The agreement will not affect the funding for any of the state's Major Moves projects.

[Read the news release.](#)

## New web features provide Hoosiers with access to local information

Sept. 4, 2007- Local property tax data and a map highlighting activities, announcements and grants in every Indiana county are two of the most popular features on the recently redesigned IN.gov — the state's official Web site. IN.gov's new design, navigation structure and unique features are part of an 18-month project to make the site a valuable, customer-friendly resource.

Recently added features include:

- "What's Happening in My County" is an easy-to-use map providing citizens with information about economic development projects, Majors Moves announcements, grant awards and Governor Daniels' visits in all 92 Indiana counties.
- The latest information about local government property taxes is available from [www.IN.gov/dlgr](http://www.IN.gov/dlgr). The site includes a link to PropertyTax.IN.gov, which allows users to search property tax data in every county.



[Read the news release.](#)

[Visit the Web site.](#)



*Sept. 6, 2007- Governor Daniels joined Mayor James Brainard in Carmel for a transportation announcement.*

## Nestle to Locate New Water Bottling Facility in Greenwood

Sept. 4, 2007- Nestle Waters North America announced today it will locate its new Nestle Pure Life brand water bottling operation here, creating more than 60 new jobs.

The company will invest more than \$30 million to equip its new 215,000-square-foot high-speed bottling facility that when operational in 2008 will produce up to one million bottles of Nestle Pure Life and Nestle Pure Life Naturally Favored Water daily.

"Nestle is making an even bigger commitment to Indiana; the third in less than 14 months," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "The company has had a resounding response from Hoosiers who want to work at the new Anderson plant, and now, the company will be offering even more employment opportunities in Greenwood."

Located at 900 Commerce Parkway West Drive, the new facility will use water from the Indiana American Water Company to supply its two production lines. Water will undergo a multi-step purification process and will blend with minerals before bottling.

[Read the news release.](#)

*Sept. 7, 2007- Governor Daniels greets Archie and Olivia Manning at the Indianapolis International Airport before departing for a trade visit to Japan.*

## A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will return from his trade mission to Japan on Saturday.